

Harney County Watershed Council  
242 Hwy 20 South  
Hines, OR 97738

**Mission and Purpose of the Harney County Watershed Council:**

The Council recognizes that local ecological and economic prosperity is dependent upon the current and future availability of water; therefore, the Harney County Watershed Council is committed to this three-part goal:

- A. Determine the health of individual watersheds or watershed segments.
- B. Retain the health of high quality watersheds and,
- C. Restore and enhance those watersheds or portions thereof that can be improved.

**Minutes of June 19, 2018**

(members present will be presented in BOLD type)

- Drewsey	- Guano	- Alvord
Fred Otley – Diamond	<b>Pat Sharp</b> – Landowner Gen	Joe Witzel – H/M Lakes
Angie Ketscher – Silver Creek	Dustin Johnson – Education	<b>Brandon Haslick</b> – Paiute Tribe
<b>Brenda Smith</b> – C/C Burns/Hines	John Thelen- C/C at Large	<b>Diane Rapaport</b> – C/C Gen
Christine Bates– Environmental	– Sportsman	<b>Jamie McCormick</b> – BLM
Scott Franklin– SWCD	Mark Owens– HC Court	Rachel Beaubien – Silvies

Advisory members

(members present will be presented in bold type)

Dave Banks– ODF&W	Zola Ryan – NRCS
Chad Karges--MNWR	Chad Boyd – EOARC/ARS
- USFS	JR Johnson - OWRD

Guests present:

Staff : Karen Moon, coordinator, Rianne BeCraft, CBWP Project Manager

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at pm.5:40 pm, by Vice-Chairman Brenda Smith

**Additions to the Agenda:** none

**Minutes:** Minutes for the May meeting were reviewed, however we do not have a quorum present so a discussion of the agenda items took place and the May minutes will be approved at the July meeting. There were questions regarding the topic of the juniper spraying and it was thought that Scott Franklin was the one who was telling us about the project, rather than Brenda including it with the Fire Collaborative meeting the next day.

**Bills:** Bills were reviewed. Karen shared that we are going through the groundwater monitoring dollars faster than anticipated with so many wells to monitor. Another grant application may be necessary this fall.

**Brenda** reported that Mark, Angie and herself had attended and presented at the Water Resources Commission meeting the week before. Commissioners were pleased and amazed with the cooperative effort going on between our local community and OWRD staff.

Correspondence: none this evening.

**Coordinator's Report:** The spreadsheet was reviewed.

**Chairman Report:** no report this evening.

### Old Business:

#### **Community Based Water Planning**

All four work-groups will meet over the next two days.

**The Domestic Well work group** will meet Wednesday evening 5-8 pm at the Community Center they will be working Developing a survey/questionnaire to hopefully find out how many rural/domestic users are having problems with the their wells. They have questions for the Groundwater Study group including if the results are showing areas in trouble. They will discuss their vision statement and want to move into working on possible solutions.

**The Agricultural Work group** will meet tomorrow from 1-4pm at the Community Center. They will have updates on the Crep program, John Short will talk about State water rights and the parcels in Harney County, there will be discussion on the group's vision and a presentation from Aspect Consulting regarding Water Marketing & Water Banking.

**The Veg Management work group** will meet on Thursday at the ESD meeting room, they will have Amanda from USGS give a presentation on how they determine ET rates and work on the question of how does it affect groundwater. They are still working to identify data gaps and potential resources that may be available.

**The Ecological Workgroup** will have a field tour from 8am to noon meeting at the HDP office. Tour sites include Five mile dam, the Sweek Dam, Wrights Point, the Narrows and around to Lawen and back.

The Full collaborative will meet again in July. There was discussion on holding the Council's annual meeting/gathering and having a BBQ get-together after the Quarterly meeting. Members present all agreed that a motion was needed to hold the BBQ. Karen will send out an email tomorrow asking for a vote to hold the BBQ on July 18<sup>th</sup>. It was thought to ask Chuck Steeves to BBQ for us and to have Karen and Angie make beans and cheesy potatoes like at Range Camp. Council members will be asked to sign up for other side dishes and desserts. Pat Sharp and Rianne BeCraft volunteered to head up the planning and they will check out who has a liquor license so we can serve beer and wine as well. Karen will check with Jordon at the Fairgrounds to see if the Memorial building is available for use on July 18.

It was noted that CBWP is still looking for funding. The Court will be putting in another application to the Oregon Community Foundation. The Ford Family Foundation is another possibility. They are putting in \$10,000 for the learning project. Ken will be having preliminary discussion with OWEB to see if there would be a possibility for FIP funding.

The Ford Family Foundation is interested in having all four pilot projects participate in a group learning process. Brenda and Mark volunteered Harney County to be the first meeting of the learning group. They will meet before the Quarterly Collaborative and we will have members from all four pilots attend our Quarterly meeting and BBQ.

**Range Camp update:** Karen reported that 17 kids had signed up, 15 attended. Five were from the Burns area, five from central Oregon and five from the West Side. It was a very good group of kids who interacted very well together. The Cattlemen representatives, Katy Belzar and Elisha Miller gave a presentation on Thursday night. They also hosted the meat that evening as well that was cooked by Chad Boyd and was delicious! The kids enjoyed listening about the ranging lifestyle and were able to try roping some dummies. EOARC hosted a tri-tip dinner on Friday evening, cooked by David Bohnert and was another fantastic meal!! There are two more sponsorships from SRM Pacific Northwest Region and TNC are expected.

### **New Business**

**2018/19 Budget** Karen presented a copy of the budget she and Janae from Osters have been working on. There were many questions and a number of council members wanted things broke down differently. Karen will work on re-doing the budget and will present it at the July meeting.

### **Items for next agenda: Buget**

**Upcoming events: Groundwater study advisory meeting meets during the day July 17, with the next council meeting from 5:30-7:30. The CBWP collaborative meets Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Memorial BLdg from 4-7pm**

**Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be July 17, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Moon, Coordinator